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Previous references.

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Serial Nos. Seven

Part B for July 26

SUBJECT

Mineral licenses & leases applied for by Mrs Khani Begum Sahiba.

8(6) Mrs Khani Begum.
No. I.C. 500 of 29/7/26.

States that the period of one year has under the circumstances stated to be taken for 9th May 25 & therefore the Council now ordered that there was doubt in the Point.

8(7) To the Director of Geology
No. I.C. 501 of 29/7/26.

States that her application for license should be forwarded to Head Work before issue of the license, under rule 26.

M. A. Rahman
11/8/26. Khan

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 149-25

FILE HEADING.

*Mineral licenses & leases applied for by Mrs: Khanim Begum.

From Mrs: Khanim Begum

No. Telegram Dated 12.5.26 Received 14/5/26

Diary No. 5430	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that the Dist. has cancelled her P. L. before giving her an opportunity to represent the facts & requests that instructions may be issued to the Dist. to reconsider his orders.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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Govt. in their communications nos. D. C. 2430/Revl. 88-23-11 dt 3.10.24 & D.C. 3242/Revl. 18-24-2 dt 13.11.24 conveyed sanction to the grant of a P. L. for chromite & lime in favour of Mrs: Khanim Begum,

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WD 1881—GPB—30,000—1s8-21

WD 01264—GPB—40,000—17-12-25

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same
but the ~~licence~~ was actually issued by the Dir. on 18-8-26 (vide letter no. C/466 dt 26.11.25 - para 2), & as such the licence remains in force till 17.8.26 (Rule 18 of ~~Revising~~ Mutual Licence Rules - Page 3 & clause 1 of Prospecting licence form - page 25).

Para 8 - Flag D

2) on receipt of a petition dt 15/10/25 from ret. Nasiruddin Khan requesting ~~that the~~ The licence granted in favour of the lady may be cancelled, as she has not fulfilled the condition of the P.L (cl. 16 of the P.L. forms), that the same may be and issued in his favour, the Dir. of Ext. was asked to enforce the conditions & to take necessary action.

Ext 52-25-5 Flag C

3) the Dir. seems to have cancelled the licence for the reasons assigned in para 3 of his letter dt 26.11.25 & the lady having been aggrieved of the Cancellation has sent in a telegram to Govt to issue instructions to the Dir. to reconsider his orders.

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4) the present petition ~~passed~~ received from ret. Nasiruddin Khan is also submitted.

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	5) For orders. 22/5/26. VS 19.5.26 6) Subd for orders with previous refce. The petition & the telegram may both be sent to the Dir of Geology, for a very urgent report. Rev Sett) WET 20/5. 7) Yes GR WET 20/5 20/5 8) Draft rcvd. 22/5/26. VS 9) Appd 25/5/26 WET 26/5 10) Issue VS 26/5/26
2	From the Dir. of Geol No. C/1466-11 dt rec. 5. 26. Reports the circumstances which lead to the cancellation of P. L. granted in favour of Mst. Khani Begum Sahiba. 11) The appd. draft cannot now issue has been issued. 12) May the Dir. be asked to report formally his opinion as regards the grant of a P-L.

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To Secr. Nasiruddin Khan

13) for orders

28/5/26. 14) The Dir has reported the case in which he has cancelled the prospecting license issued in favour of Mrs Khani Begum.

15) Subd for perusal & orders — P Secy. WD 28/5

16) The license was issued to the party on the 16th August and it is not clear how the period can be held to have terminated on the 8th may as reported by the Director

17) The telegram from mrs Khani Begum and the petition of Mr Nasiruddin may be sent to the Director for report ~~and~~ and this reply to the point raised in para 1 above.

WD 29/5 29.5.26.

18) ~~Revised~~ Draft Subd.

31/5/26 19) WD 31/5/26 Issue 31/5/26

To,

Director of Geology

No. 8269 dt. 1.6.26

Enquire how under the circumstances stated, the period of license held by Mrs Khani Begum can be held to have terminated on 8/5/26 & also for Mr. Nasiruddin Khan's application for an early reply.

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4	From the Dir. of Genl. No. 466-14 dt 9.6.26. Submits the report called for in the matter of cancellation of licenses granted to Mrs. Khanie Begum. Salcibia & states that a female application from Md. Nasimuddin Khan for the renewal of his licenses together with that of Mrs. Khanie Begum will be forwarded if received in his office.
5	From Mrs: Khanie Begum memorials dt 8.6.26. Prays, for reasons explained, for the cancellation of the order issued to her by the Dir. of Genl & the grant of a M. L. Refer. — Paras 16 & 17 of Notes (P. 4) 21) In para 1 of his letter (P. 4) the Dir. says that permission to start work was granted on 9.5.25 & the license was actually issued on 18.8.25 giving effect to it from 9.5.25. Kind attention is invited to rule 24 of Mineral licenses rules & the Dir. has nowhere been empowered to grant — permissions of the nature referd. to in his letter.

P.W.D. (1)

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22) the reasons assigned by the Dir. for cancelling the licence (Para 2 of his letter) do not seem to be convincing without Govt. sanction (Vide cl. 15 of P. L. forms, page 14 of rules). Attention is also invited to para 3 of letter no. C/466 of 26.11.25 from Geol. 52-25-4 on the same subject.

P.M.D (1)

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23) In the memorial filed by one Khanni Begum, she says that the view taken by the Dir (para 3) is incorrect & that the date of licence should be reckoned only from its actual issue (i.e. 18/8/25) (clauses i to vii of para 3, M/proof for the cancellation of the order Director's orders & the grant of a M. L.

P.M.D (2) cl. 5

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24) While conveying Sanction of Govt. to the grant of a P.L. one of the conditions was that the licence was to be renewable from year to year for a period of 3 years not exceeding 3 years but without the right to a mining lease; and as to whether the question of the grant of a M.L. does not arise now.

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(Genl 88-23-11)

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25) Points for orders are:-

1) whether, under the circumstances represented by the Dir, the licence is to be treated as cancelled or a report called for from the Dir. whether the lady has conducted any operations on the block before final orders are passed in the matter, and whether he is right in issuing a licence under his signature (cl. vii of para 3 of the lady's memorial)

p. u d (2)

2) whether any action should be taken on the request of Md. Nasiruddin Khan - as regards the grant of a P.L. over the same block of Dodkatlim before Mrs. Khani Begum's case is settled.

Ex. d 5
p. u d (1)

19.6.26.

26) This file relates to Point 1. — The Appeal of Mrs Khani Begum against the orders of the Dir of Geology, cancelling the P. licence granted in her favour on the ground that As required under Rule 31. of the Rules (Flag J) She had not taken action to get the licence renewed in time. In his first letter dated 24th May 1926, the Dir has also stated that it is reported that no work was done

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on the block during the period by the licensee (appellant)-

27) The appellant contends that the license was issued to her only on the 18th May 1925 & that there was little time for her to have applied for a renewal of the P. license. The Dir explains that the licensee was given permission to carry on mining & prospecting operations from 8th May 1925 & that the license issued on the 18th May 1925 should be considered to have retrospective effect from the 8th May 1925. As pointed out in the Office Note above under Rule 24, strictly speaking, the Dir has no such discretion in the matter. In actual practice, however, it seems such permission is given by the Dir.

28) In view of the above technical defect pointed out, as well as of the fact that the appellant urges that she was ill during some time of this period & that she has been consulting a Mining Engineer of Calcutta, for carrying on the prospecting work, with greater vigour, the Dir's order has perhaps to be set aside: the appellant's renewal application, if any, can then be disposed of, on its merits. As pointed out, there is no question of granting a mining lease now.

29) The orders are framed on this appeal

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the question of granting a ufuruj. a p. license to Mr Nasiruddin Khan does not arise.

Submd for formal orders.

R Secy) WP 24/6/26

3) The Director admits that the license was issued to Khani Begum on the 18th August 1925. The license is valid for one year. (vide Rule 18 under Prospecting license) and so ordinarily terminates on 18th August 1926. The Director states that the Begum was allowed to work from 8th may 1925 pending the issue of a formal license which took some time to prepare. and that therefore the license terminated on 8th may this year. He has cancelled it on the 11th may as no application for renewal was submitted

3) I do not think Govt can recognise the oral permission of the Director. ~~cancel~~ ~~recognition~~ the date of the issue of the license should be considered as the date ~~of the~~ from which it begins to run. Any other rule of ~~interpretation~~ interpretation is bound to lead to very undesirable consequences. In this case the Director has shown unseemly hurry to cancel the license for want of a renewal application. I suggest that the order of the Director be set aside and he be requested to inform Khani Begum that her license will continue till 18th August 1926.

GRM 26.6.26.

2nd Member)

98/26.6.

3) Please see Condition No 1 of the License. WP
It is clearly stated in it that the 26/6
license is for a period of one year from
9-5-25. When the Petr. did not agree
to this condition when she got

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	The license is it open to her now to raise this point? I think not. The period of license was clearly defined and Petr.- Can not contend that there was any doubt on the point - This may be pointed out to her
	33) As regards such investigation the Dist may be asked to state if such cases can not be avoided and the period of license made to run from date of its issue
	Rules 27.6.26 MT 28/6 Con.
Tabulated Statement with the proposed revision of rules, Sect' note and memorandum detached Orders, (Flag D), is abstracted from Geol. file 20 of 23 (regarding the proposed revision of Rules for the Grant of P. & M. mining leases) and kept in this file for reference MT 7/7/26.	
	34) Orders: may issue as above. Dist may be informed that no previous permission to work a lease before issue of a license should be given in future in view of Rule 24 Con. 19.7.26
This statement is now taken back & replaced in the original file (No 20 of 23). MT 20/7	35) Please do. MT 20/7/26

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36) Sched. with 2 drafts
29/7/26. 37) Please type-offs as revised
WP 24/7

38) Typed drafts (2) put up as directed.
29.7.26. Issue
WP 29/7

6) To, Mrs. Ikbal Begum
No. 500 G. 29/7/26
Returns the enclosures rec'd. & states that the term of 1 year has under the circumstances stated to be taken for 9th May '25 & therefore the Govt. now contend that the there was doubt on the point -

7) To Director of Geology
No. 501 G. 29/7
States that hereafter no license will be permitted & that every effort is made to issue a license under Rule 14.

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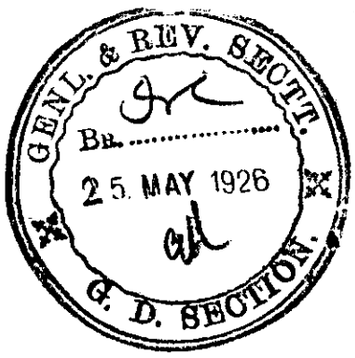
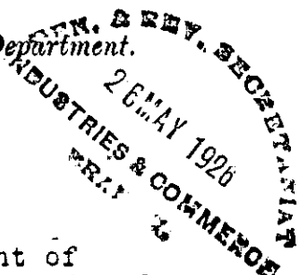
From

A. M. SEN, Esq., M.Sc., F.G.S, Etc.,
Offg. Director. Mysore Geological Department.





To

Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

Adverting to the correspondance ending with your letter No.I.C.4197 - Geol: 52-25-5, dated 21st December '25, in re. the Prospecting License for Chrome and Magnesite granted to Mrs.Khani Begum Sahiba over a block of two Sq. miles of land in the Mysore Taluk, I have the honour to state that no work of any kind has been reported to have been carried on by the licemsee on the block. The term of the license having expired on the 8th instant, notice of ~~the~~ cancellation of the license was issued on the 11th and the fact intimated to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

2. In accordance with the rule No.31 of the rules for the grant of Prospecting Licenses and Mining Leases in the State of Mysore, in force, the licensee had to apply for a renewal of the license together with the amount of rent payable, not less than two months before the date on which the license terminates.

3. In accordance with the G.O.No.I.C.1816 - Geol: 85 - 21-4 dated 19-9-'22, an application should have been made to me together with a penalty fee of Rs.25/- for the renewal of Prospecting License. These have not been made yet.

4. Under the above circumstances the license has been cancelled.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
A. M. Sen
Offg: Dirctor,
Mysore Geological Department.

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SUBJECT.....

Section Genl.

File No. 149-25

Seria No. 3.

No. 1682 Rg 1/6/1926

To the Dist. of Genl.

Sir

With reference to your letter no. C/466-11 dt 24-5-26 reporting the cancellation of the p.l. for chrome & magnesite granted in favour of Mrs. Khanim Begum Saliba, I am directed to ~~request you to report the circumstances which led to the cancellation of licence~~ enquire how the period of the licence can be held to have terminated on 8-5-26 when

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Signed by Mr Venkatramachar

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The pension was issued on
18.8.26 (Vide pension Z. of ... our
letter no. C/466 dt 26-11-25)

The petition of Mst. Nasimuddin
Khan & a telegram from
Mrs: Khanum Begum received
in this office are also forwarded
in continuation of letter
office No. dt 6077/Estt-5-2-25 dt 5-3-26 for favour of
opinion.

Enclosures

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Asstt. to Govt.
Rev. Deptt

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To,

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GENL. & REV. SECTT.
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21 MAY 1926
G. D. SECTION.

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore
Bangalore

Honored Sir,

That in Continuation of my several previous petitions and the last dated the 18th February and the 5th March/26 to the Govt. re the Cancellation of Khani Bagum's Prospecting license (for breach of Mining Rules and Regulations) for Chrome and Magnesite ore in my Jagir village of Doddakatur Mysore Taluk, and for renewal of my Prospecting license no. 471 for the same block, I have not yet been favored with any final orders or Endorsement from the Govt.

I believe that the Director of the Geological Survey has had already submitted his report or explanation for the reference made to him by the Govt. in the matter.

That though nearly 2 or 3 years have elapsed since the sanction and the delivery of the Prospecting license to Khani Bagum, yet no mining operations had taken place at any time nor any mining work is now going on by the said licensee Khani Bagum wife of Hyder ali Khan.

That owing to the malice, grudge and false representations of the Director by Hyder Ali Khan my license was not renewed and a fresh license was granted to Khani Bagum for the same block where I had worked for a long time under my Prospecting license No. 471, dated the 1st March 1918 before and that license

In conclusion, I again beg humbly to submit that it is very clear that under clause 7½ of the Prospecting license, that if prospecting work is not commenced within 6 Calendar months from the date of the license and

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Carried on to the reasonable satisfaction of Govt, or if there shall be any other breach by the licensee of any provision in the license contained, the license may be summarily revoked by Government. But in this case the licensee by the prospecting work is not commenced for the last 2½ or 3 years, though a long correspondence did take place and numerous petitions were submitted to the Govt, yet the question is not finally disposed of and it is still pending.

I therefore humbly request that you would be graciously pleased to issue necessary and speedy orders for the Cancellation of Khasi Bagnies above Prospecting license and for renewal of my Prospecting license no. 471 as the subject matter is pending for a very long time that is about 2 or 3 years. I think it is unnecessary to represent now that I have sustained a heavy loss of thousands of rupees in this connection.

Earliest orders are anxiously solicited.

I have the honour to be
Your most humble and obedt servant

Mohamed Nasiruddeen Khan
Jagirdar
Lushker Mohulla
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No. 466-14 Enc. 2

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GENL. & REV. SECRETARIAT 10 JUN 1926 INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

FROM

B. JAYARAM, ESQ., F.G.S.,
Director, Mysore Geological Department.

To

C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to para 1 of your letter No.I.C.8249 Geol. 149-25-3, dated 1st June 1926, enquiring how the period of the prospecting license for chrome and magnesite granted to Mrs.Khani Begum Saheba can be held to have terminated on the 8th May 1926, when the same was issued on the 18th August 1925, I have the honour to state as follows:-

As already reported in this office letter No.C.466-1, dated 26th November 1925 (para 2) permission to start work on the block was granted on the 9th of May 1925, in compliance with the lady's request and pending the issue of the formal license which required some time for preparing a sketch plan of the block on the village map scale. The plan was got ready in August 1925, and the license was issued on the 18th idem giving effect to it from the 9th May - the date from which permission was granted to start operations on the block.

2) As regards the telegram from Mrs.Khani Begum, I beg to report that the term of the license having expired on the 8th May as explained above and there having been no application from her for its renewal accompanied by rent &c. as required under the rules, a notice of cancellation was issued on the 11th May.

3) In regard to the petition of Mr.Md.Naziruddeen Khan, I beg to report that there is now no question of the renewal of the license held by him as the same terminated so long back as March 1919 and subsequently a license over the area was granted to Mrs.

Khani Begum. An application from him for a fresh license over the area has since been received here and the same along with the applications, if received, from Mrs. Khani Begum for the renewal of her license or any other representation from her will be submitted to Government for orders.

4/ The enclosures to your letter under reference are herewith returned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B. Jagannath
Director,
Mysore Geological Department. -

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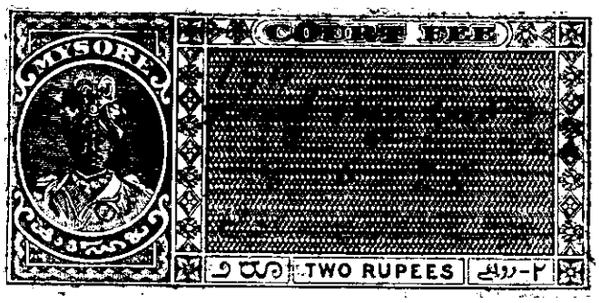

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BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEAL PETITION NO:- /25-26.

In the matter of the cancellation of Prospecting License No.647 for Chrome and Magnesite in Doddakattur, Sarvamanya village Mysore District, ordered by the Director of the Mysore Geological Department on May 11th 1926.

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The Humble appeal petition of
Meherban Khani Begum Sahiba,
Care of Mr.Hyder Ali Khan,
District Superintendent of Police,Kolar,
Most respectfully sheweth:-

1. Your petitioner is the grantee of Prospecting License No.647 dated 18th August 1925, for magnesite and chrome in and around the Inam village of Doddakattur aforesaid of which she is now the owner in possession;and that the said license was actually put into her hands about the end of August 1925.

2. Your petitioner has been served a notice

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No.C.466-7 dated 11th May 1926, by the Direct-or of the Geological Department stating that the said license is cancelled on the sole ground that the term of the license has expired on May 9th 1926.

3. Your petitioner ventures to submit that the view taken by the Director of Geology that the term of the aforesaid license No.647 had expired on May 9th 1926, is neither reasonable nor correct for the following among other reasons:-

i. That under the rules the minimum period of life of a prospecting license is a year not subject to alteration by the Director, and that the period of one year fixed for work-ing out the license should be computed from the date of the actual issue of the license and that neither the rules nor the license form issued under it provide for or contem-plate the possibility of a license to operate retrospectively in point of time and that therefore the License No.647 is deemed to commence from the 18th August 1925.

ii. that the date, May 9th 1925, chosen by the Director of Geology for the commencing of the operations of the License is arbitrary since the order accompanying the License refers to 18th May 1925, as the last date

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ending the correspondence in this matter, and that in any view of the case no rights of any sort could be expected to accrue to the petitioner prior to that date.

iii. that clause 17 of the Prospecting License expressly provides for an option of renewal of the license for a period not exceeding three years in favour and for the benefit of the petitioner.

iv. That the order of the Director is ultra vires of the rules and inconsistent with the terms the license since the order of cancel-lation based upon a misconstruction takes away in effect the right expressly reserved for the petitioner in clause 17 of the License.

v. that it is ultra vires of the powers of the Director to limit the period of the license for virtually 8 months, or so when under the rules, the petitioner, is entitled for the full period of one year.

vi. that the period of 8 months was hardly sufficient in the present case, especially in view of the special and peculiar hardships the petitioner had to encounter.

vii. that the petitioner further believed that the License would not expire before August 1926, and that from a perusal of the unsigned and unauthenticated copy of the License issued

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to the petitioner and filed herewith, it will be seen that the corrections therein could not be seriously taken to have been ordered by Government and that the view taken by the petitioner regarding the period of the operation of the License was a reasonable and correct view.

4. Your petitioner further ventures to submit for the kind and merciful consideration of Government, the special hardships she is put to on account of the intrigues of her enemies and other persons interested in depriving her of the mineral wealth in her inam lands in the hope that His Highness's Government will be pleased to go into the merits of the petitioner's case and the History of this venture from the very commencement as will be shown by the available records and from the material that the petitioner desires to place before Government on such dates or dates that may be fixed for this purpose.

5. Your petitioner is a Purdah lady, the sister of the present ruling Chief of Savanur, Dharwar District, and the wife of Mr.Hyder Ali Khan, District Superintendent of Police, Mysore Service, now in Kolar.

6. Your petitioner is also the Jaghgirdar of the Inam village of Doddakattur, Mysore District, having purchased the right, title

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and interest of all the several shareholders in the said village at the suggestion of Gov ernment, duly communicated to her on the 20th September 1921 or thereabouts and that she had to pay a large sum of nearly Rs 35,000/- to acquire and complete the proprietory rights in the village.

7. Your petitioner understands that the said village of Doddakattur was granted as a sarva Inam Jaghir to Bakshi Raja Khan Sahib an ancestor of your petitioner's husband in the direct line, by the late Nawab Tippu Sultan of Mysore on Karthika Shudda Dasami of the year Virodhikritu (A.D.1772) for meritorious services rendered by the said Bakshi Raja Khan Sahib during the attack of Seringapatam by Lord Cornwallis at Karighatta and renewed on 6th November 1816, by His Highness Sri Krishna Rajendra Wodayar Bahadur III of revered memory after the fall of Seringapatam; under the sannads, the grantee was given full and complete rights of undisturbed and peaceful enjoyment by him and his descendants in per--petuity of all kinds of benefits of the vil--lage <u>including the mineral wealth</u>. Both the sannads are very clear on this point.

8. Your petitioner has learnt that the village is rich in magnesite and chrome ores of a very high grade and that she is also aware and some adventurers have been intrigu-

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intriguing to deprive the petitioner of the benefits of the mineral wealth, so generously granted to her husband's great ancestor, by the previous rulers of Mysore.

9. Your petitioner has ben extremely keen on doing mining work;and she is in a position to invest the necessary capital and employ duly qualified men to manage and supervise the operations.

10. In the month of February 1920, your petitioner applied to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja for the grant of a Prospecting License for chrome and magnesite. She was denied the Lieense applied for, but was informed by the Director of the Geological Department, in his letter No.444 dated 19/20th September 1921, that till the Proprietory dispute to the land was settled, no license could be granted. The petitioner acting on this suggestion, acquired the rights of the pther sharers on payment of a very large sum.

11. Again, on 24th June 1922, your petitioner applied for a similar license. The Director of the Geological Department went fully into the question of title which was found in favour of the petitioner, but to the grest surprise and disappointment of the petitioner, she was informed in the Director's

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an endorsement dated 27th May 1924, stating that the matter had been recommended for the favourable consideration of Government.

14. In the meantime, your petitioner applied for permission to work out magnesite as per previous sanction. The market for magnesite was ruling high;but your petitioner was denied the permission sought by her on the ground that since the two minerals chrome and magnesite usually occur together, it was not practicable to work magnesite individually and it passes the comprehension of your petitioner how this question of the practicability escaped the notice of the Director when the License was offered for magnesite previously on 12/14th May 1923.

15. Your petitioner ventures to submit that the several positions taken by Government in the orders passed by them while disposing of this matter, are inconsistent and untenable and that on this account, your petitioner was put to great hardship and heavy loss of expenditure.

16. Further, during the course of this protracted correspondence with Government your petitioner had arranged with business men and private agencies for the successful working of the minerals,on up-to-date lines, all

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which had to fall through. On account of the delays and obstacles placed in the way of the grant of a License. As a result, your peti--tioner, is put to considerable loss of money, mental worry and physical hardship.

17. The much sought license was finally granted on 18th August 1925, and reached the petitioner about a week or 10 days later in the usual course. The petitioner thereupon made up her mind to work out the mines with increased vigour and on most up-to-date lines and with the aid of the machinery that science and human ingenuity had devised. And for this purpose, your petitioner had been discussing proposals with Mr.Hance, Mining Engineer, Calcutta, andother experts for speedily start--ing the work.

18. From this brief account, it will be clear that your petitioner has been very keen and has done all that was necessary to work out the License, notwithstanding the difficulties that a Purdah lady of her rank and position in life had to encounter, in addition to the difficulties she experienced in accompanying her husband in active State Service to all places of his transfer and inspite of her own illness during the past 8 months.

Wherefore, in these circumstances, your

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petitioner humbly prays that His Highness's Gracious Government, may be pleased:-

(a) to set aside the order of the Director cancelling License No.647 dated 11th May 1926,

(b) and to grant under the old Rules a mining lease to the petitioner, restricting the operations to her own Inam land in Dodda-kattur, a Prospecting License, for at least three years, also under the Old Rules.

For which act of justice, your petitioner will ever pray.

She begs to remain
Your most obedient
Servant
Khani Begum.

Kolar
Dated 8th June 1926.

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ENDORSEMENT. Sec 149-25 8C6.

Granted to Mrs. Khani Begum Sahiba
c/o
Hyder Ali Khan, Esq.,
Superintendent of Police,
Kadar District,
~~Chikmagalur.~~ Kolar

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In reply to her petition dated 8th June 1926 requesting to set aside the order of the Director of Geology in the matter of the cancellation of her license for chrome, Mrs. Khani Begum is informed that she did not raise any objection as regards the date(9th May 1925) mentioned in the prospecting license when the same was issued to her, and the period of license, viz., one year, can therefore be held to commence only from that date and that Government consider that it is not now open to her to contend that there was any doubt on the point.

The enclosures received with the petition are herewith returned.

Ordered 22/7/26
Signed by Mr. V.V. Charya

By Order,

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Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

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